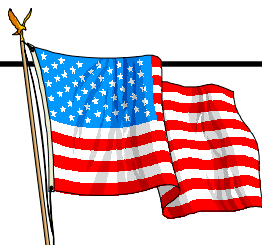




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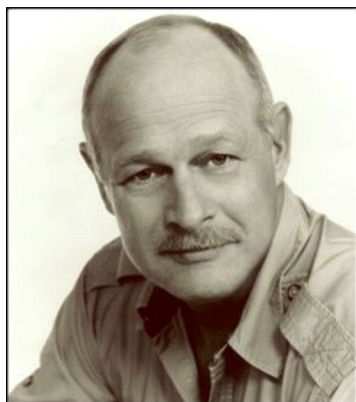
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Gerald McRaney chairs 2002 campaign to recruit volunteers, recognize Veterans



Gerald McRaney, Chairperson, 2002 National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans

Accomplished stage and television actor Gerald McRaney has teamed up with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to honor hospitalized veterans and promote volunteerism at VA medical centers.

McRaney, who first became widely known to his television audiences for his role as Rick Simon,

private investigator, in the TV series *Simon and Simon*, is chairing the VA's 2002 National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans campaign, an annual recognition of the men and women who once served in military uniform. This year's campaign began with community activities around the country Feb. 10-16 at VA health care facilities.

"Through his role as a U.S. Marine in the TV series *Major Dad*, Gerald McRaney understands the commitment made by veterans and he values their contribution to the country," VA Secretary Anthony J. Principi said. "We are pleased to have his talents and support as VA medical centers around the country showcase volunteer opportunities."

About 100,000 volunteers contribute millions of hours a year helping hospitalized veterans with compassion and attention to individual veterans' needs.

Serving as their spokesman during the National Salute, McRaney's duties as national chairman have been extended beyond the week of Feb. 10. He has agreed to visit hospitalized veterans throughout the year.

"I am deeply honored to be asked to serve our

nation's veterans," said McRaney. "While we have troops deployed now, we must not forget the ones who gave us the freedom we already have. I hope that Americans everywhere will answer the call to volunteer their time to care for veterans confined to hospital wards."

With the additional support of columnist Ann Landers, newspaper readers, classroom students, scout troops and others annually generate more than a million "Valentines for Veterans" cards and letters to local VA medical centers and nursing homes to express gratitude for veterans' service to their country.

Community and state officials, military and veterans organizations and youth groups often join with the public during the National Salute week to visit patients in VA hospitals, nursing homes, and state veterans homes.

Members of the public are encouraged to call their local VA health care facilities to participate in activities during the 2002 National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans. At VA medical centers, ask for the voluntary service office, which coordinates the activities.

McRaney is a strong supporter of the men and women serving in the U.S. armed forces. During the Gulf War, he visited troops in Saudi Arabia as part of the United Service Organizations (USO). Since then, he has been an active celebrity supporter of the USO, visiting U.S. troops in Bosnia, Haiti and Somalia. In April 2000, he received USO's Merit award.

McRaney grew up in Mississippi and studied at the University of Mississippi, where he majored in drama and appeared in several stage productions. Leaving his studies, he found the road to success difficult. He joined the New Orleans repertory company and credits his stage work for preparing him for his later success in television.

McRaney has three children, Jessica, Angus and Katy, and lives in Los Angeles with his wife, actress Delta Burke.

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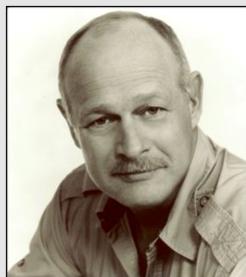
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***Reunion notices that do not have a specific date will not be published.**

Straight from the source

Dear Fellow Retirees,

The President signed the FY 2002 Nation Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) on Dec. 28, 2001. The Act provides for a large increase in Defense spending (which of course is needed to support our active duty forces and their mission). I would like to highlight a few of the provisions in the Act that concern the retiree community.

First, as most of you already know, a provision to allow retirees to receive their full-retired pay and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability compensation is law. But, the provision has a stipulation; the President has to propose legislation and include funding in the fiscal year budget.

That had not happened at this printing. The military fraternal groups (with your support) are continuing to pressure our legislators to do the right thing regarding this issue. Although this issue is not a done deal, something good did come out of the Act. Retirees with service-connected disability of 60 percent will be eligible to receive \$50 special compensation (effective Feb. 1, 2002). You do not need to file an application or call anyone at this time; retirees will be centrally identified through payroll systems. Retirees with 100, 90 and 80 percent service connected disability will have their special compensation increased by \$25 effective Jan. 1, 2003. On Oct. 1, 2004 an additional \$25 will be awarded to the 100 – 70 percent disabled retirees.

What else of concern was included in the Act? The Services may authorize daily allowance to military retirees who serve in military funeral honors details. We have included in this issue of the “Shift Colors” a list of Stateside Casualty Assistance Coordinators for additional information.

The new Long Term Care Insurance Program (LTCIP) is about to take off. More information on this program is included in this edition.

The NDAA also authorizes funding for military health care programs and contains language that bars the Secretary of Defense from forcing retirees to pick between military and VA health care.

In the last edition of the newsletter I mentioned that Retired Activities was checking into the feasibility of having retiree decals and patches available in the Navy Exchanges (NEX). Well, we have done it. The retiree

patch and decals are currently available in more than 20 NEXs. The NEXs that stock them are listed on page 9. The decals (of high quality) will be for inside application (inside of widows). So far, I have not been able to identify a toll free number for purchasing the memorabilia by phone.

During my tenure with the Navy Retired Activities Branch I have witnessed many changes that affect the way we do business. We all know that change is inevitable. One thing has not changed in the nine years I have been here and that is the misinformation (or lack of information) retirees share with their spouses.

I continually receive calls and letters from survivors of retirees stating that the retiree told them that “the military will take care of everything when I pass away.” This is untrue and we have got to be more responsible when we provide information to our loved ones. Get your paper work in order and explain to your spouse or relative the facts about your burial benefits, location of DD214 or retirement orders and other important documents to lessen their trauma should you predecease her or him. Conduct a “what if” drill. That is, ask yourself, “If I died right now, would my spouse have all the information available to carry out my wishes with respect and dignity?” And ask yourself another question - “would my spouse be able to make it financially if I passed right now?” If you haven’t already done so, now is the time to do something about it - Get your house in order, then enjoy your life with the assurance that you have done the right things for your loved ones.

Until the next newsletter, have a wonderful spring.

In Your Service,

Dennis Mills

Head, Navy Retired Operation Section



A message from the Chief of Naval Personnel



I've enjoyed hearing from many of you recently, expressing your overwhelming support for the Navy's war effort. We currently have over 30 percent of our ships deployed. Those ships are manned and supported by more than 47,000 of the most dedicated, talented young men and women our nation has to offer. More than 60 of our ships have participated in Operation Enduring Freedom, our nation's global war on terrorism. Nearly 10,000 reservists have answered our nation's call to service and have performed with selfless dedication and distinction.

Also appreciate when you contact us for assistance with challenging issues. One recurring comment is a request for more news about active duty Navy personnel issues. We regularly produce stories about Sailors and the Navy and get them published in newspapers surrounding Fleet concentration areas by getting the word to the Navy News Service. For those who use the Internet, book mark www.news.navy.mil among your favorites. This site is a useful resource to communicate to the Fleet and to learn what is happening in our Navy.

A breaking news item of interest to both our retired and active force is concurrent receipt. The House Budget Committee approved a \$6.1 billion in funding to begin phasing in concurrent receipt as part of the 2003 spending plan. Though it isn't a "done deal" yet and this money doesn't approach the \$20 billion over 5 years that is needed to fully compensate the 450,000 military veterans who are impacted by concurrent receipt, it certainly is a step in the right direction.

Please take a look at the story and allotment form for the U.S. Naval Home on pages 10 and 11. We all have an opportunity to help our shipmates who have given so much to our great nation. Many of you know veterans who live at the Naval Home or the Soldiers' and Airmen's Home. You know the standards these heroes have earned and what you would expect if you were living among them. Please consider doing what you can to help the Armed Forces Retirement Homes sustain high standards now and into the future. We are demonstrating our commitment to the Naval Home by assigning active duty naval officers to serve as commanding officer and executive officer as well as a Master Chief to serve as the Home's CMC.

With the beginning of Spring and the prospect of warmer weather, you'll notice this issue has quite a few pages of reunion notices. I'm sure this is due in part this summer marking the 60th anniversary of many important battles - Guadalcanal, Coral Sea, Java Sea, Savo Island, Iron Bottom Sound and Midway — that reversed the tide of World War II and signaled the beginning of an American and Allied victory. To those who will be able to attend these reunions, and those who will not, know that the contributions you made in your younger days are studied and admired by today's Sailors, from their earliest lessons at recruit training to the highest levels of Navy leadership.

Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts and suggestions at p00@bupers.navy.mil. Mr. Michael Wardlaw, Director, Casualty Assistance and Retired Activities Division, and his staff also welcome your input. Contact them at (800) 255-8950, or via e-mail at p62s2@bupers.navy.mil, or through regular mail at Navy Personnel Command (PERS-62R), 5720 Integrity Drive, Millington, TN 38055-6220.

All the best!

NORB RYAN JR.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Norb Ryan Jr." in a cursive, flowing script.

Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy



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IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Many of our readers continue to inquire about mail-in procedures for enrolling family members in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) and obtaining identification cards outside the U.S., and specifically for dependents residing in the Philippines. The following documents are required for enrolling dependents into DEERS:

- Marriage Certificate (original or court certified)

- Birth Certificate (original or court certified)

- Divorce decree(s), for sponsor and/or dependent, as applicable

- Social Security Number of sponsor (and dependents, if available)

- DD Form 214 (if sponsor not enrolled in DEERS)

- Physical characteristics (hair color, eye color, height and weight)

Previously issued ID card(s) that have expired and DD Form 1172 (Application for Uniformed Services Identification Card DEERS Enrollment), cannot be used for verification purposes.

For sponsor/applicant to obtain an Identification Card by mail, one of the following conditions must apply:

- Live far from a military facility

- Be physically handicapped

- Have no means of transportation

- Be hospitalized or sick

Required documents for self or eligible dependents:

- Requested in writing

- Marriage Certificate (original)

- Birth Certificate (original)

- Social Security Number of sponsor and dependents

- DD Form 214 (if sponsor not enrolled in DEERS)

- Physical characteristics (hair color, eye color, height and weight)

Photograph of self or dependent, as applicable (within 12 months of application date) 8X10 or 5X7 with notarized signature on the back (picture must show head and shoulders).

If you reside in the Philippines, mail-in procedures have been established for issuance of military ID cards to Navy members and their eligible family members.

Applicant must mail the request to the Naval Reserve Personnel Center, Code 223, 4400 Dauphine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70146-7800 (Telephone - **(504) 678-0106**) to perform the DEERS updates and issuance of ID cards. To ensure prompt action, please provide the social security number of the sponsor and proper documentation for the family member (i.e. birth certificate, marriage certificate, divorce decree, court order of paternity or court order of child support).

If the spouse is over 65, provide a copy of his or her Medicare Card or Notice of Disapproved Claim form from the Social Security Administration. Upon completion of the request, the Naval Reserve Personnel Center will notify applicant by mail and return all original source documents submitted by the applicant.

For sponsors living in the Philippines who have dependents residing outside the Philippines, complete a DD Form 1172, have the signature notarized, and mail to the dependent to take to the nearest ID card issuing facility to obtain the new card.

List is shown on page 6

VOLUNTEERISM

The President of the United States gave his State of the Union Address to Congress on the Jan. 29, 2001. There were many initiatives presented to Congress including stronger military, economic improvement, homeland security and volunteerism. I would like to key in on the topic of volunteerism.

This is not a new initiative for us in the retiree community. Our hearts and time have been going out to others in need for some time now. Whether as a volunteer in a Retired Activities Office (RAO), base hospital, pharmacy, American Red Cross, or Fleet and Family Support Centers (FFSC), to name a few, retired military members have always pitched in to help.

The President also cited the USA Freedom Corps as a volunteer group for our consideration. The USA Freedom Corps has three major federal components that include the Citizen Corps, AmeriCorps, Senior Corps and the Peace Corps.

More information about these groups may be found on line at: **www.usafreedomcorps.gov**



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Overseas locations that issue identification cards for eligible personnel:

Customer Service Desk csdatsugi@psapac.navy.mil 011-81-6160-64-3065	Atsugi	Naval Support Activity vojtecks@bahrain.navy.mil 011-973-724-046	Bahrain
Customer Service Deck gasapoar@psa.psaf.navy.mil 82-553-540-5446	Chinhae	Personnel Support Detachment dgcustomer@psapac.navy.mil 011-246-370-3660	Diego Garcia
Customer Service Deck psdnapp@naples.navy.mil 0771-709-685684	Gaeta	Customer Service Desk cabrerafb@psapac.navy.mil 671-355-5741	NCTS Guam
Personnel Support Detachment housek@psalant.navy.mil 011-354-425-7907	Keflavik	Customer Service Desk baluyotg@lamadd.navy.mil 00-039-789-798-342	La Maddalena
Personnel Support Detachment ramirez@nctamswm.naples.navy.mil 44-71-509-4782	London	Personnel Sup Act Detachment hasebem@psapac.navy.mil 011-81-3117-66-4683	Misawa
Personnel Support Detachment psdnapp@naples.navy.mil 001-39-081-568-5787	Naples	Personnel Support Detachment psdokinawahelpline@psapac.navy.mil 011-81-6117-346312	Okinawa
Personnel Support Detachment psd@navsta-rota.navy.mil 011-34-56-82-3075	Rota	Personnel Support Detachment psdsasebo@psa.psaf.navy.mil 81-956-24-6111 Ext. 3470	Sasebo
Personnel Support Detachment psd-10@seoul-cnfk.korea.army.mil 011-822-7913-3327	Seoul	Personnel Support Detachment galuvaotauavea@psd.sicily.navy.mil 011-39-095-86-5584	Sigonella
Customer Service Desk csd04@clwp-emh-sin.mrms.navy.mil 011-65-750-2597	Singapore	Customer Service Desk psdsouda@naples.navy.mil 0030-821-1528	CSD Souda Bay
Customer Service Desk meneza@jmf.navy.mil 011-441-637-879-432	St. Mawgan	Personnel Support Detachment psdservice@psapac.navy.mil 011-81-61-6043-6813/8457	Yokosuka

In the U.S., to find the nearest ID card issuing facility, telephone number and address, visit www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/, select zipcode and enter your zipcode in the correct box to see the three nearest locations.

NOTE: No information can be changed or corrected in the DEERS without proper documentation. Nothing can be changed or corrected over the telephone.



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WWII POWs May Be Eligible for Back Pay

Sailors who were held as prisoners of war during World War II are authorized to receive promotion back pay under the provisions of the Fiscal Year 2001 Floyd D. Spence Defense Authorization Act.

The act directs the Navy pay back pay to personnel who were selected for promotion but not available to accept the promotion because of their internment.

Only POWs during World War II, from Dec. 7, 1941, to Dec. 31, 1946, are eligible. If the service member is deceased, the surviving spouse is entitled to the back pay.

The amount of the back pay will be determined using the amount the member would have been paid, calculated using World War II pay rates and not adjusted for inflation.

The Navy will determine eligibility for back pay by researching each individual's request. This will include obtaining and reviewing the member's archived personnel and pay records.

Applications from Navy personnel should be sent to Cmdr. John DeNicola at the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Retired Activities Branch -- PERS-62, 5720 Integrity Drive, Millington, TN 38055.

Additional information regarding the program and application procedures may be obtained by writing DeNicola or calling 1-800-762-8567.

Application information and forms are available on the Internet at www.persnet.navy.mil/pers62.

Bypass the Mail for Social Security

If you are a little nervous about the mail these days, the Social Security Administration has a recommendation: Direct Deposit.

Payments are automatically routed to your bank account and available for immediate use. You don't have to worry about stolen checks, and it saves tax money on postage too. To enroll call 1-800-772-1213.

TRICARE For Life Q&A

I am under 65 and dually eligible for Medicare and TRICARE. How will TRICARE For Life affect me?

TRICARE beneficiaries under the age of 65 who become eligible for Medicare due to a disability can keep their TRICARE benefit, but only if they enroll in Medicare Part B. In fact, dual-eligible beneficiaries under age 65 have been entitled to TRICARE coverage secondary to their Medicare benefit since 1992.

Your benefit is comparable to TFL with some distinct differences:

1. Dual-eligible beneficiaries under age 65 may enroll into TRICARE Prime. TFL beneficiaries cannot enroll in Prime. Dual-eligibles who enroll into TRICARE Prime have the TRICARE enrollment fee waived, although, they are required to maintain Medicare Part B.

2. Beginning Oct. 1, 2001, dual-eligible beneficiaries under age 65 will see increases in the amount paid on many of their claims, because these claims will be calculated using the same methodology that

applies under TRICARE For Life.

For services payable by both Medicare and TRICARE, TRICARE will pay the beneficiary's out-of-pocket costs after Medicare's payment.

3. Dual-eligible beneficiaries under age 65 currently file paper claim forms for TRICARE reimbursement, and will need to continue doing this until an electronic linkage between TRICARE and Medicare is established for them. Claim forms are available from any TRICARE health benefits adviser or on the Web at TRICARE.Claims.www.tricare.osd.mil/claims/default.htm (click on the CHAMPUS Claim Form).

Dual-eligible beneficiaries who are not enrolled in Medicare Part B lose their TRICARE eligibility, but these beneficiaries may receive care at military treatment facilities if there is space available.

Dual-eligible beneficiaries who are active duty family members remain eligible for TRICARE and are exempt from the requirement to enroll in Medicare Part B.





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DoD decides not to create Cold War Medal

Army News Service reports that the DoD will not be creating a Cold War Service medal, and Army officials said any commemorative medals made by private vendors are unauthorized on the military uniform. Former Secretary of Defense William Cohen approved a Cold War Certificate for all service members and federal employees that served faithfully in the United States military during the Cold War era.

Last year an unidentified source caused confusion by sending an email to individuals informing them that a Cold War medal had been approved, and attached a picture of the medal to the email. Arlette King, chief of policy for the Army Award

Branch, states, "We've tried to correct the issue by putting out messages on our website stating that there is not an authorized medal. This is America and anyone can purchase the commemorative medal from private vendors, just not wear it on his or her uniform."

It is against the law to wear an unauthorized medal on the military uniform, according to Title 18, Section 704, Military Medal or Decorations.

Long-term Health Insurance

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has announced the dates for the Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program (LTCIP) early enrollment and open season.

As mentioned in previous "Shift Colors," OPM is the lead agency for the insurance that will be available to military retirees as well.

The early enrollment will run from March 25 - May 15, 2002. OPM cautions, however, that early enrollment is designed only for those who are already very familiar with long-term care and long term care insurance.

For most people, OPM says, early enrollment is not a good idea. They need the benefits of the extensive educational campaign that OPM is preparing with John Hancock and MetLife insurance companies.

For those not participating in the early enrollment period, open season will run from July 1 through Dec. 31, 2002. OPM says that details on early enrollment and the

open season will be available shortly. We'll keep you informed!

Question. Can I get an early enrollment application now?

Answer. No. It will be available on the www.ltcfeds.com website and by calling **1-800-LTC-FEDS (1-800-582-3337)** by March 25.

Amplifications

The January - March 2002 *Shift Colors* article entitled "Occasions for which wearing a uniform may be appropriate" (page 14), should read:

Retired personnel may wear the uniforms at ceremonies or official functions when the dignity of the occasion and good taste dictate. Wearing the uniform is appropriate for memorial services, weddings, funerals, balls, patriotic or military parades, ceremonies in which any active or reserve United States military unit is participating, and meetings or functions of military associations.

Retired personnel may wear the uniform of their grade while instructing a cadet corps or similar organization at approved naval or military academies or other approved academic institutions.

On Page 7, "Upcoming Retiree Seminars," Millington, Tenn., has rescheduled their seminar for April 27, 2002.

We apologize for any confusion.

To contact the Navy Retired Activities Branch call **(800) 255-8950** or visit **www.persnet.navy.mil/pers62**



Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Vern Clark looks at a copy of *Shift Colors* with Chief of Naval Personnel, Vice Admiral Norb Ryan (far left) and Michael P. Wardlaw, Head of Casualty Assistance and Retired Activities Branch in Millington, Tenn.
Photo by JO2 Jeffrey Nichols



Retired Activities Branch

Retiree Council seeks new members

If you would like the opportunity to serve the retired community, please consider applying for one of the vacancies on the Secretary of the Navy's Retiree Council.

Council members are expected to be available to assist their area Retired Activities Officers (RAOs) throughout the year. They will also work closely with regional or area commanders to gather input and concerns from retirees and to provide this input at the annual Council meeting held in the Spring.

The Council maintains a broad cross-representation of retirees. Volunteer service in an RAO is an excellent credential; however, retirees with specific background and experience in the fields of retirement services, medical, military compensation, and legal should also consider applying.

Application letters must be received at Retired Activities

Branch by July 31, 2002. The following information should be provided:

Full name, address, phone number and email address (if applicable), Rank (at time of retirement), Social Security Number, a brief statement of how you can contribute to the RC, a resume (include any service to Navy retired community), and any other applicable information.

All submissions will be carefully reviewed and nominations will be selected based upon a number of factors, including the applicant's subject matter expertise in a particular area, experience with issues affecting retirees, previous or continuing service to the retired community, retiree status (sometimes there are specific slots open for reserve retirees, for example), geographic location, etc.

Those nominees who are

selected for appointment to the Retiree Council will be notified by mail from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), which is the office responsible for coordination.

The term of office for RC members is normally three years. RC members are brought back on special active duty orders for the duration of the week-long annual meeting held in Washington, D.C. For more information call **1-800-255-8950** extension **4-4308**.

Send applications to:

Navy Personnel Command
Retired Activities Branch
(PERS-62R)

5720 Integrity Drive
Millington, TN 38055-6220

***NOTE-If you applied for nomination to the 2001 Retiree Council, you do not have to reapply. Your application will automatically be considered for 2002 membership.

Retiree patches - Pride - Tradition - Service

The Navy Retiree Patches and Decals are available for purchase at the following Navy Exchanges:

Annapolis, MD
Bangor, WA
Bethesda, MD
Everett, WA
Goose Creek, SC
Great Lakes, IL
Gulfport, MS
Jacksonville, FL
Kings Bay, GA
NAS Lemore, CA
Little Creek, VA
Millington, TN



To order by phone, call the nearest NEX. Use these product numbers:

*The decal is No. 779566 at \$2.00
The patch is No. 748055 at \$3.00*

New London, CT
New Orleans, LA
Newport, RI
Norfolk, VA
Oceana, VA
Patuxent River, MD
Pearl Harbor, HI
Pensacola, FL
Port Hueneme, CA
San Diego - Naval Station
San Diego - North Island



Armed Forces Retirement Home - Gulfport (Formerly the U.S. Naval Home)

Gulfport Seabees Preserve Naval Home

Doug LeMere, U. S. Naval Home Public Affairs

Gulfport, MS — When you want to preserve and maintain an installation, who do you call? You could call a contractor or you could call the Navy's



maintenance force, the Seabees. The "Bees" maintain bases all around the world from Guam, Spain, Diego Garcia, Camp David and now in their own backyard.

When in Homeport, the Seabees pull together to refine their construction and military skills - getting them ready for deployments all over the globe. This year their training brought them to the U.S. Naval Home, in Gulfport, Mississippi.

The Public Works Director at the U. S. Naval Home is a retired Seabee. When he needed some support to help with his backlog of maintenance, he knew just what to do. One call to CUCM(SCW) Joe Perrone, 20th Naval Construction Regiment, R30 Operations Officer, got the ball rolling. In no time at all, two detachments of Seabees from NMCB SEVEN showed up to begin operations, with camp maintenance forces and construction project crews.

The U. S. Naval Home is a retirement community for Veterans from all branch services. The Seabees "camp maintenance" team from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVEN is working directly for the residents of the home - including resident room upgrades, preventive maintenance and general facility maintenance.

The "projects crew" is constructing a park walkway, with streetlights and barbecue grills, and replacing many old and damaged sidewalks with new ones meeting American Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

Each enlisted active duty personnel contributes monthly to the operating livelihood of the Home and its sister site, the Soldiers' and Airmen's Home in Washington, D.C.

The Naval Home has been in existence for more than 200 hundred years. It was established for disabled active duty enlisted Sailors and Marines. Monthly contributions from active duty enlisted personnel started at 20 cents in the 1790's and are now 50 cents per month, some 200 years later.

When asked about this contribution, Builder 1st Class David Flanagan from maintenance said, "I know that my money is going to a great cause, and a future option for me when I retire. It's a small price to pay for the opportunity later in life. I plan on donating more through the combined federal campaign."

The Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund was recently authorized appropriations in the sum of \$71 million for operation of the Armed Forces Retirement Home, including the United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home and the Naval Home for FY02. Previous legislation to raise the active duty monthly withholding has yet to be implemented.

Whether this increase transpires or not, you can rest assured that the U.S. Naval Home will be well preserved, thanks to a few of its shareholders, the local Navy Seabees.



*Photos by U.S. Naval Home
Public Affairs*



Armed Forces Retirement Home - Gulfport (Formerly the U.S. Naval Home)

Help support the Armed Forces Retirement Homes

For more than a century and a half, The Armed Forces Retirement Homes in Gulfport, Miss., (formerly The U.S. Naval Home) and Washington, D.C. (formerly The Soldiers' and Airmen's Home) have provided the finest retirement and medical care for our nation's veterans. These federally funded communities are considered model retirement centers, complete with independent living, assisted care and long-term care health facilities and an abundance of activities for fellow veterans.



You can help to maintain the tradition of "Taking Care of Our Own" through the Retiree Allotment Program. Just a little can go a long way!

Name (Last, First, Middle initial)

Social Security Number

**Mail to: DFAS-CL/FR
P. O. Box 99191
Cleveland, OH
44199-1126**

**Or FAX to:
1-800-469-6559**

Blanket Code L-68

Amount to be deducted from retired pay each month \$_____.

Signature

Date



Raised coverage available for VGLI

Military members leaving the service with government life insurance coverage at a new higher limit now will be able to continue coverage at that level in their civilian lives.

A change in law allows service members to buy up to \$250,000 in government life insurance coverage while in the military, up from the previous limit of \$200,000.

Similarly, when they leave service, they now can have a policy under the Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI) program at the same higher ceiling, but only if they had that top level while in uniform.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) supervises both VGLI and the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) program. Both are operated for the government by a contractor.

Along with other insurance programs directly administered by VA, these make VA the fourth largest insurer in the country with five million people insured for \$570 billion.

This change generally does not affect existing VGLI policyholders because the maximum coverage permitted under VGLI is limited to the amount the service member had under SGLI when they separated from active duty or the reserves.

Veterans generally must choose VGLI coverage within 120 days of discharge, although with evidence of good health that signup period may be extended another year. Rules are more liberal for military members who are totally disabled at the time of separation.

Veterans take VGLI coverage in five-year renewable terms. Pay-

ments are made through a monthly premium that varies by the amount of life insurance and age at each renewal. Veterans also can convert VGLI to a commercial life insurance policy offered by one of 91 participating commercial policies.

The SGLI and VGLI programs provide insurance coverage to about 2.7 million veterans, active-duty members, reservists and Guardsmen. Other VA insurance programs for disabled veterans, for mortgage insurance or for veterans who served in earlier time periods have 2.2 million policies in force today.

More information about these policies and special provisions affecting reservists and disabled persons can be obtained from VA's Web site at www.insurance.va.gov or by calling 800-669-8477.

VA to conduct National Survey of Veterans

by Veteran's Affairs Public Affairs

A national telephone survey of veterans is being conducted from February through August by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to help the government plan its future programs and services for veterans.

"We want to be sure we're meeting the needs of the veterans. This survey helps us to identify those needs and, consequently, deploy our employees and other resources to get the best results for veterans," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi.

It is VA's fifth comprehensive survey of a nationwide sample of veterans. Results are expected in 2002. The last survey was in 1993.

The surveys enable VA to do several things:

- Follow changing trends in the veteran population;
- Compare characteristics of veterans who use VA

services with those of veterans who do not;

- Study VA's role in the delivery of all benefits that veterans receive; and
- Update information about veterans to help the department analyze its policies.

Interviewers working for Westat, Inc., a VA contractor, will ask veterans about health, disabilities, military background, education and the need for services such as medical care, housing and education assistance.

The interviewers will use a sample of 20,000 veterans. Thirteen thousand will be selected by a random-number telephone dialing procedure. The other 7,000 will be selected from files of veterans who are enrolled in VA health care or who receive disability compensation or pension from VA.

Participation is voluntary and information will be confidential under the federal Privacy Act.



VA warns Veterans about benefit purchase scam

by Veteran's Affairs Public Affairs

Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) Hershel W. Gober warned veterans about a financial scam that offers lump-sum payments in exchange for monthly VA disability checks or pensions.

"These schemes seem to target the most desperate of our veterans," said Gober. "No financial expert on this planet would encourage anyone to accept 30 cents today if they could get a dollar tomorrow. Doing this to veterans is reprehensible."

Federal law outlaws the direct sale of VA benefits. VA is also prohibited from paying pensions and disability compensation to anyone

other than a veteran, a family member or a lawful guardian.

The latest schemes, however, attempt to avoid the long-standing federal prohibition by representing these transactions as loans.

Companies persuade veterans to give up their disability and pension checks for a specific period – up to eight years – in exchange for a lump-sum cash payment typically worth 30 to 40 percent over that same period.

In some cases, the veteran must also take out a life insurance policy naming the company as beneficiary.

In the case of a veteran with a disability rated at 50 percent, it could mean receiving a one-time

payment of about \$20,000, then forfeiting a \$609 monthly payment that in the course of eight years would bring in nearly \$60,000.

"VA lawyers are still studying the fine print in these schemes to determine whether or not they are legal," Gober said. "Even if they're legal, they're despicable, because they take money away from people in the direst financial straits."

VA pensions go to wartime veterans incapable of self-support for reasons unrelated to their military service.

VA disability compensation is paid to veterans with lingering health problems related to their time in uniform.

Toll-free numbers for contacting the VA

VA Benefits: **1-800-827-1000**

For information about:

Education
Home Loan
Disability
Medical Care
Burial
Life Insurance
Sexual Trauma

Life Insurance: **800-669-8477**

Education (GI Bill): **888-442-4551**

Health Care Benefits: **877-222-8387**

Income Verification and Means Testing:
800-929-8387

Mammography Helpline: **888-492-7844**

Gulf War/Agent Orange Helpline: **800-749-8387**

Status of Headstones and Markers: **800-697-6947**

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD):
800-829-4833

For health care services, contact your nearest VA medical facility. To locate the nearest VA medical facility, visit www.va.gov/sta/guide/division.asp?divisionId=1

CHAMPVA:

by E-mail ... hac.inq@med.va.gov

by phone **800-733-8387**

by FAX **303-331-7804**

by mail

VA Health Administration Center
CHAMPVA
PO Box 65023
Denver CO 80206-9023



Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

DOD praises Delta's administration of TRICARE Retiree Dental Program

Delta Dental's administration of the U.S. military's dental benefit program for uniformed service retirees and their dependents is "exceptional," according to a U.S. Department of Defense contractor performance report.

The report by the TRICARE Management Activity says Delta's administration of the federal government's TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) consistently exceeded contractual requirements covering claims processing, payment accuracy, claims coding and timely customer service.

The TRDP provides dental benefits to more than 600,000 uniformed services retirees and their families, as well as Congressional Medal of Honor recipients.

The program, a 100 percent voluntary program that is the largest such program in the nation, offers affordable dental benefits throughout the U.S., Canada and the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, America Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Subscribers obtain covered services from any licensed dentist within the service area, and can limit their out-of-pocket costs when using any one of about 25,000 DeltaSelect USA Network dentists.

The TMA report specifically notes Delta's initiative to quickly develop an enhanced dental benefits package to conform to federal legislation expanding benefits for retirees.

"Due to Delta's expertise and sensitivity to retirees' needs, the package evolved into an acceptable offer with premiums within a competitive range," according to the report. "In a short period of time, Delta was

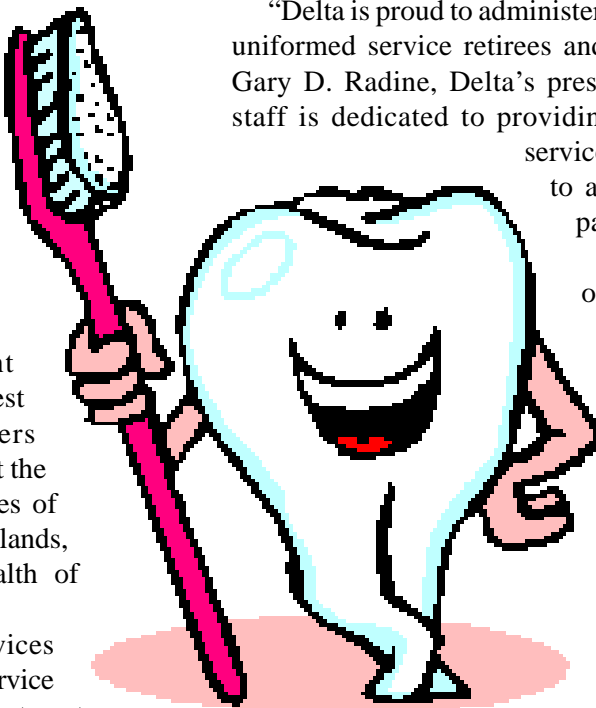
able to execute an intensive marketing program and to make the operational changes necessary to implement the new program with no disruption of administration of the existing program."

Delta was rated "exceptional" in every applicable category, including quality of product or service, schedule, business relations, management of key personnel and customer relations.

"Delta is proud to administer dental benefits for our uniformed service retirees and their families," says Gary D. Radine, Delta's president and CEO. "Our staff is dedicated to providing the highest quality service, and we look forward to a continued successful partnership."

Delta Dental Plan of California belongs to a holding company system that includes several affiliate companies including Delta Dental of Pennsylvania, and covers 17.5 million enrollees in 16 states plus the District of Columbia. It is also a member of the nation-

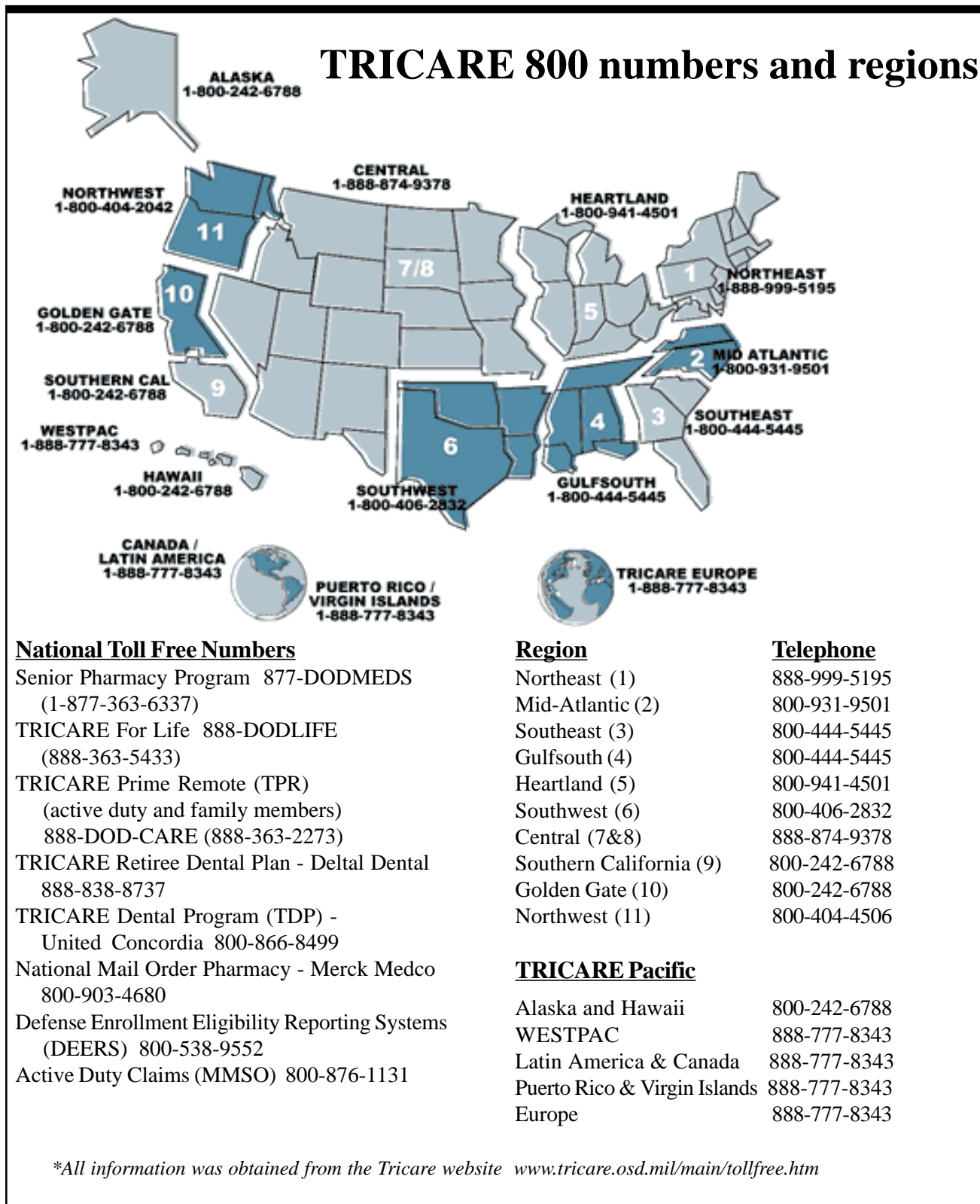
wide Delta Dental Plans Association, whose members together cover 39 million Americans and represent the nation's largest dental benefit system.



Delta Dental
P.O. Box 7736, San Francisco, CA 94120
(415) 972-8300
www.deltadentalca.org



Bureau of Medicine and Surgery





Defense Finance and Accounting Service

Questions and answers on contacting DFAS

(Editor's Note: Several of our readers reported difficulty in getting through to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service customer representatives. We contacted DFAS and asked them to answer the questions you have been asking.)

Q. Why can't I get through to a DFAS representative on the phone?

A. There are several factors that contribute to the high volume of calls we receive this time of year, especially *this* year.

Historically, the Retired and Annuitant Pay Contact Center experiences an increased number of calls from the end of December through mid-April. This year, however, has been busier than usual. There are several factors that have contributed to this.

The Retired and Annuitant Account Statements are issued in mid-December which show the new monthly pay amounts after the cost of living increases are considered. This year, a special credit was posted to many of our customers' accounts as a one-time cost of living adjustment. This was due to a miscalculation of the Consumer Price Index computation in 1999.

Additionally, the federal withholding rates for 2002 decreased in accordance with the President's Agenda for Tax Relief.

Finally, the Retired and Annuitant 1099R's for 2001 are issued in January. As one can imagine, this array of account activities occurring within the same timeframe has produced a deluge of inquiries.

This year, the Retired and Annuitant Contact Center's incoming calls have nearly tripled the seasonal average. Despite these factors, the Contact Center's dedicated staff will continue to assist our customer's with the best and most expedient service possible.

Q. When is the best time to call?

A. You can reach a customer service representatives Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. EST (except federal holidays). There are certain times during the month, week and day, which are busier than others.

Paydays or the first business day of each month are, of course, the days we typically experience the highest volumes of calls.

Mondays are also characteristically busy. On Thursdays and Fridays, we usually find that our volumes are lower. Customers who have trouble reaching us may wish to call on these days.

During an average business day, the contact center's peak volume hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. EST. We suggest that our customers consider contacting Retired and Annuitant Pay during the off-peak periods to avoid unnecessary wait time.

Our numbers again are **800-321-1080** or **216-522-5955**.

Q. Can Retirees and Annuitants email their pay inquiries and questions?

A. Yes. Visit www.dfas.mil and click on "Contact DFAS." Scroll down the page to the appropriate title, i.e., Retired Pay or Annuitant Pay. For annuitants, simply complete the form and send.

For retirees, scroll down and click on Questions or comments regarding retired pay. Select "Military Retiree" then fill out the data fields. After you have completed your inquiry, click "Submit" at the bottom of the page. Email inquiries will be answered in five to seven business days.

The Retired and Annuitant Pay Contact Center has provided expanded business hours for annuitants. Annuitants may now call from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. EST. This will provide you a wider range of opportunity to contact DFAS concerning your pay.

You may also contact us by writing to:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
Retired Pay Operations
P. O. Box 99191
Cleveland, OH 44199

Thank you for your patience during this very busy time. High volumes typically are over by the end of March, and wait times are eliminated.

Retired couple create ‘Dessert Storm’

*by Senior Airman Chance Babin
MacDill Thunderbolt staff writer*

After serving more than 26 years in the military, most people would think they’ve given enough of their time to their country. But Al Davis Jr. and his wife Barbara can never get enough of giving back to the troops.

Since Desert Storm, the Davises have baked more than 8,000 loaves of banana nut bread for the men and women of MacDill, and along the way Al has become known as the “Banana Bread Man.”

“We felt we needed to do something for the troops,” Al said. “I guess this is my form of payback for the experience and training that brought me home safely from three wars.” Al served in the Naval Corps of Engineers (Seabees) during his 26 and-a-half years in the service. He retired as a first-class petty officer.

The idea for sending banana nut bread to the troops deployed in Saudi Arabia began when the Davises heard they were having trouble keeping bananas fresh over there, and had a strong desire to do something for those serving overseas.

“During Desert Storm, they had a tough time keeping bananas fresh,” said Barbara. “So we came up with a recipe that used more bananas and nuts for added potassium and protein.” The fortified recipe was a modification of an old family recipe.

But great banana nut bread isn’t worth much if it can’t be delivered while it’s fresh. To overcome this potential problem, the Davises developed a system to assure their product arrived at its peak.

“Once the bread is baked, it’s wrapped and put into our quick



Al Davis hands two loaves of banana nut bread to Airman 1st Class Amy Watkins, 6th Medical Group.

freezer until it’s ready to be shipped,” Al said. “By the time it would reach its destination, it would be thawed, completely fresh and ready to eat.”

Receiving a fresh care package is something Albert said was hard to come by during his combat experiences in the Navy during WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

“So many times servicemembers would get care packages from home that would sit so long that by the time they got them they were inedible,” Al said. “We had to find a way to get them shipped over and given to the troops while they were still fresh to help boost their morale.”

This task was accomplished by sending the bread along with medical supplies, in separate containers, to the medical group in Saudi Arabia.

The couple says they have received countless thank-you cards from those on the receiving end in Saudi Arabia.

Following Desert Storm, the twosome never totally shut down their operation, but mostly delivered the bread to the cafeteria on special occasions and holidays.

Today, as our nation is at war once more, the Davises have again cranked up their 30-inch oven full time and are turning out banana nut bread at a rate of six loaves per hour.

The dynamic duo have no plans of slowing down their makeshift bakery in their home in Largo, Fla.

“We just delivered 279 loaves yesterday,” Barbara said. “And we have over 130 more at home in our freezer.” Their freezer can hold up to 300 loaves of bread.

“It’s never enough,” Barbara said. “We always wish we had 2,000 loaves instead of 200.”

The couple pledge to make bread as long as they can, and to continue making it without outside assistance. They don’t take donations, nor do they allow anyone else to help in the baking process.



Navy Heritage and Customs

FLAG ETIQUETTE

Our nation's flag is to be respected, never defaced or scorned. There are appropriate ways to show respect in the presence of the flag:

During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag, the playing of the national anthem, or when the flag is passing in a parade or review, everyone should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hands over their hearts. Military members in uniform should render the military salute.

When not in uniform, remove your hat with right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Citizens of other countries should stand at attention.

Sailors at Soldier Field



Chicago, Ill., Sept. 23, 2001 — More than 250 Sailors assigned to the Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Ill., unfurl a huge U.S. flag during opening ceremonies at the Chicago Bears home game. The flag, said to be one of the largest in the nation, travels to various events throughout the country. (Photo by PH1 Michael Worner.)

Saluting the Ensign



As the U.S. flag is raised Sailors render a salute and hold it until the last note is played during morning colors. (Photo by JO2 Jeffrey Nichols)

The salute to the flag in a moving column (such as a parade) should be rendered at the moment the flag passes. When driving a car on a military installation and "Colors" or "Retreat" (when the national flag is hoisted at 8 a.m. or lowered at sunset) is sounded, stop the car and wait until the ceremony has been completed. If walking, stop, turn toward the flag and stand at attention with your right hand over your heart.

During the playing of the national anthem, people in uniform should render a salute at the first note of the anthem and hold their salute until the last note is played. When the flag is not displayed, those present should face the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed there.

Funeral Honors Duty

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) FY 2002 included a provision, which governs the participation of retirees in

performing funeral honors.

Although numerous articles on this subject have been published, there is still work to be done by the Services to ensure

implementation will be a smooth operation.

More information on this program will be forthcoming as the procedures are ironed out.



A Look Back



Visit The Navy Museum this summer



Photo and info obtained from The Navy Museum website

The Navy Museum was established in 1961 and opened to the public in 1963. As one of 14 Navy museums throughout the country, it is the only one that presents an overview of U.S. Naval history. Permanent and temporary exhibitions commemorate the Navy's wartime heroes and battles as well as its peacetime contributions in exploration, diplomacy, space flight, navigation and humanitarian service.

Located in the historic Washington Navy Yard, the Museum is housed in the former Breech Mechanism Shop of the old Naval Gun Factory. The 600-foot long building, constructed between 1887 and 1899, was one of a number of shops in the Yard where ordnance, missile components and electronic equipment was produced

Approximately 400,000 individuals visit The Navy

Museum annually. Admission to the Museum and its programs is free. The Museum is architecturally accessible.

Admission to The Navy Museum is free. All evening and daytime programs, tours, and evening events are free and open to the public. Free parking is available on the Washington Navy Yard on a first-come first-serve basis. There is plenty of parking available for evening events and on weekends.

The Navy Museum is part of the Naval Historical Center, which includes a library, archives, photographic and other research facilities. Located at:

Washington Navy Yard

Building 76

805 Kidder Breese SE

Washington, DC 20374-5060

Due to increased security at the Washington Navy Yard, the Museum's hours have changed. Tour groups and individuals who do not have military or Department of Defense identification and want to visit the Museum should call in advance for an appointment.

New hours, until further notice:

Monday through Friday: 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Closed weekends

Closed: Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Years' Day

Phone: 202-433-4882; Fax 202-433-8200

For more info, visit The Navy Museum website at:

www.history.navy.mil/branches/org8-1.htm

Are you a Navy Retiree who is turning 100 years old?

If you or someone you know is a Navy Retiree turning 100 years old, Shift Colors would like to hear about it. Send a photo (if available) from your Navy days and now with a short biography and we will run it in Shift Colors. Photos can be sent through the e-mail with the subject line Navy Centurions. Send submissions to **shiftcolors@persnet.navy.mil** or to:

Department of the Navy
Navy Personnel Command
Shift Colors (PERS-05)
Att: Navy Centurions
5720 Integrity Drive
Millington, TN 38055-0500



Upcoming Retiree Seminars



<p>Arizona</p> <p>Phoenix Oct. 26, 2002 (602) 353-3033 nmcrphx@cnrf.navy.mil</p>	<p>Hawaii</p> <p>Pearl Harbor Nov. 2, 2002 (8 a.m. - 12 p.m.) At the Banyans 915 North Road Pearl Harbor, HI 96860 (808) 473-4222 Ext. 231 frumkia@pearlharbor.navy.mil</p>	<p>Michigan</p> <p>Mt Clemens Aug. 24, 2002 (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) Bldg. 780 Johnson Street Selfridge ANGB POC: Walter Melms, Staff Sgt. (USAF Ret.) (810) 307-5580 selfrao@tir.com</p>
<p>Florida</p> <p>Jacksonville Sept. 28, 2002 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) Bldg 30 (VP-30 HGR) NAS Jacksonville POC: Coll Robertson, Lt. Cmdr. (USN Retired) (904) 542-266 Ext. 126 raojax@nasjax.navy.mil crobbiewin@aol.com</p>	<p>Illinois</p> <p>Great Lakes Sept. 2, 2002 POC: Ms. Catherine Gourley (847) 688-3603 Ext. 118 retired-act.glakes@cnet.navy.mil</p>	<p>Minnesota</p> <p>Minneapolis Sept. 20-21, 2002 (612) 713-1578 philipson@worldnet.att.net</p>
<p>Florida</p> <p>Pensacola Oct. 19, 2002 POC: Dennis Kerr, ISG (USA Retired) (850) 452-5990/1 Ext. 126 nasp-retired-activities@cnet.navy.mil</p>	<p>Louisiana</p> <p>New Orleans Sept. 21, 2002 POC: Bernard Cleary, PHC (USN Ret.) (504) 678-2134 raonola@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Mississippi</p> <p>Gulfport May 11, 2002 (8 a.m. - 1 p.m.) At the Smith Theatre CBC Gulfport (228) 871-3000 Ext. 35 rao@cbcgulfport.nav.navy.mil jmlardner@cbcgulfport.navy.mil</p>
<p>Georgia</p> <p>Atlanta June 2, 2002 (770) 919-6735 Ext. 123 nas11@mindspring.com navy484blue@aol.com</p>	<p>Maine</p> <p>Brunswick “Retired Activity Day” Aug. 24, 2002 (8 a.m. - 2 p.m.) Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, NH POC: Ervin Rice, Cmd (USN Retired) (207) 921-2609 fc-rao@nasb.navy.mil</p>	
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Upcoming Retiree Seminars



<p>Missouri</p> <p>St. Louis Sept. 21, 2002 Call or email for reservation prior to Sept. 12, 2002 POC: Charles Bird, Capt. (USN Retired)/Marsh Werner, Lt. Cmdr (USN Retired) (314) 263-6443 Fax: (314) 894-3036 rao-stlouis@cnrf.nola.navy.mil</p>	<p>New York</p> <p>Rochester Aug. 10, 2002 POC: Lawrence O'Heron, CTICS (USN Ret.) (585) 247-2052 rao-rochesterny@mail.com www.rao-rochesterny.org</p>	<p>Washington</p> <p>Everett May 18, 2002 Support Complex (Smokey Point) Fleet and Family Support Center and Totem Recreation Center (425) 304-3775 (800) 531-1787 retiredactivities@everett.navy.mil</p>
<p>Nevada</p> <p>Fallon Spring 2002 (775)426-3333 cochranb@fallon.navy.mil jacksonj@fallon.navy.mil</p>	<p>Pennsylvania</p> <p>Willow Grove Sept. 28, 2002 At the NAS-JRB Willow Grove POC: Harold Loigman, Capt. (USN Ret.) (800) 773-1569 / (215) 443-6033 rao@cnrf.nola.navy.mil www.nasjrbwillowgrove.navy.mil</p>	<p>Rescheduled</p> <p>Tennessee Millington Apr. 27, 2002 (9a.m. - noon) At the Pat Thompson Center POC: (901) 874-5195</p>
<p>New Hampshire</p> <p>Portsmouth "Retired Activity Day" Aug. 24, 2002 (8 a.m.-2 p.m.) At the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, NH POC: Homer Johnson, Maj. Gen. (USA Ret.) (207) 438-1868 homernh@msn.com</p>	<p>Rhode Island</p> <p>Newport Apr. 27, 2002 (7:30 a.m.- noon) Crown Plaza at the Crossings 801 Greenwich Ave. Warwick, RI. POC: Paul Tepfenhart (401) 841-4089 Paul Salesi (401) 841-2283 rao@nsnpt.navy.mil</p>	<p>Submitting seminar notices</p> <p>All seminars must have a specific date.</p> <p>Cutoff dates for seminar notices Jan - Mar issue (Nov.15 Prior) Apr - Jun issue (Feb. 15) July - Sept issue (May 15) Oct - Dec issue (Aug. 15)</p>
<p>New York</p> <p>Amityville May 11, 2002 (8 a.m.-12 p.m.) At the Armed Forces Reserve Training Center, 600 Albany Ave. Amityville, NY POC: Jules Steinhauer, Lt. Cmdr. (USN Ret.) (631)842-6620 raoamityville@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Virginia</p> <p>Little Creek and Norfolk Sept. 14, 2002 POC: Eugene Crabtree, HMCM (USN Ret.) (800) 372-5463 (757) 462-7763 (757) 322-9113 fscrao@ffsclc.navy.mil raonorfolk@ffscnorva.navy.mil</p>	

Upcoming Reunions

USS ABNAKI (ATF 96)

Charleston, SC; Sept. 18-22, 2002
Contact Mike Holland
8 Cobia Street
Ponte Vedra, FL 32082-2010
(904) 285-9345
bmcmusn@aol.com

USS ACHERNAR (AKA 53)

Norfolk, VA; May 15-18, 2002
Contact Wayne Inman
P.O. Box 1366
Dalton, GA 30722
(706) 673-2779
inman@alltel.net

USS AJAX (AR 6)

Tampa, FL; June 20-24, 2002
Contact Dick Kujawa
2251 139th Avenue NW
Andover, MN 55304-3939
(763) 757-9201
chief.dpc.usn@worldnet.att.net

USS ALAMO (LSD 33)

Pensacola, FL; June 13-15, 2002
Contact Gary Moss
5670 West Shore Drive
Pensacola, FL 32526
(850) 944-3499
ponylake10@earthlink.net

USS ALBANY (CA 123/CG 10/SSN 753)

Sault Ste Marie, MI; July 24-28, 2002
Contact Homer Ray
9389 Mariaville Road
Pattersonville, NY 12137
(518) 864-5731
secretary@ussalbany.org
http://ussalbany.org

USS ALFRED A. CUNNINGHAM (DD 752)

Biloxi, MS; Sept. 16-19, 2002
Contact Robert Wilson
14712 Rue Mornay Drive
Biloxi, MS 39532
(228) 396-9032
rwrw15oaks@aol.com

USS ALSTED (AF 48)

Hampton, VA; Sept. 26-29, 2002
Contact Dean Wall
315 Old Clear Creek Road
Marion, NC 28752
(828) 724-4296

USS AMERICA (CV 66)

Charleston, SC; Aug. 14-17, 2002
Contact Ed Pelletier
7401 Northwoods Blvd
Charleston, SC 29406
888-391-2866
Fax (843) 863-8316
Reservation line (843) 572-2200
Web site www.clarioncharleston.com

USS AMPHION (AR 13)

San Antonio, TX; May 16-19, 2002
Contact Henry Miller
1214 Langstonshire Lane
Morrisville, NC 27560
(919) 677-9554
hmillersr@nc.rr.com

USS ARCADIA (AD 23)

San Antonio, TX; May 16-19, 2002
Contact Andrew Malone
38 Croyden Lane
Hichsville, NY 11801
(516) 681-0725
arcd23@yahoo.com

USS ASHTABULA (AO 51)

Bloomington, IN; June 21-23, 2002
Contact Darrell Hooten
5797 W. Leonard Springs
Bloomington, IN 47403
(812) 825-7764

USS AULT (DD 698)

Branson, MO; May 2-5, 2002
Contact Pam Brown
888-714-4020
www.reunionpro.com

USS BAINBRIDGE (CGN 25/DLGN 25)

Rapid City, SD; Sept. 26-29, 2002
Contact Jim Iozzo
3113 Camp Phillips Road
Wausau, WI 54403
(715) 845-9472

USS BANCROFT (DD 598)

Mobile, AL; June 9-13, 2002
Contact Emery Freeman
1555 Alexander Street SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506-3303
(616) 452-3756

USS BARNEY (DDG 6)

Norfolk, VA; June 14-16, 2002
Contact John Van Dusen
(972) 245-7259
cakeking@prodigy.net
Or Dan Darsey
(770) 914-1261
ddarsey@mindspring.com

USS BARRY (DDG 6)

Portsmouth, VA; June 14-16, 2002
Contact John Van Dusen
1007 Cambridge Drive
Carrollton, TX 75007
(972) 245-7259
cakeking@prodigy.net

USS BEALE (DD/DDE 471)

Daytona Beach, FL; July 25-28, 2002
Contact Henry Babin
1200 N. Thorpe Avenue
Orange City, FL 32763
(386) 775-1959
hbabin@cfl.rr.com

USS BECUNA (SS 319)

New London, CT; Sept. 22-24, 2002
Contact Dick Geiler
28 Billings Lake Road
North Stonington, CT 06359
(860) 889-2846
mrgitch@aol.com

Upcoming Reunions

USS BELLE GROVE (LSD 2)

Lafayette, LA; June 9-16, 2002
Contact Forrest and Sue Peltier
P.O. Box 9835
New Iberia, LA 70562
(337) 364-1738 after 6:00 a.m.
(337) 394-4787 after 6:30 p.m.

USS BENNER (DD/DDR 807)

Colorado Springs, CO; Sept. 25-27, 2002
Contact Jerry Smith
612 Yuma Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80909
(719) 635-1085
jjsmith@pcisys.net

USS BEXAR (APA 237)

Charleston, SC; Sept. 27-29, 2002
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USS BLAKELY (FF 1072)

Charleston, SC; July 18-21, 2002
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USS BLUE (DD 744)

Omaha, NE; Sept. 26-28, 2002
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USS BOISE (CL 47)

Niagara Falls, NY; Sept. 26-28, 2002
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USS BOSTON (CA 69/CAG 1/SSN 703)

Baton Rouge, LA; July 19-21, 2002
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USS BOXER (CV/CVA/CVS 21/LPH 4)

Norfolk, VA; Sept. 25-28, 2002
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USS BUMPER (SS 333)

Buffalo, NY; Aug. 28-31, 2002
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USS BUSHNELL (AS 15)

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USS CAMBRIA (APA 36)

Charleston, SC; Apr. 25-May 1, 2002
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USS CANOPUS (AS 9/AS 34)

Biloxi, MS; Sept. 5-8, 2002
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USS CARP (SS 338)

Las Vegas, NV; July 19-21, 2002
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USS CARTER HALL (LSD 3)

San Diego, CA; Sept. 19-21, 2002
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USS CATAMOUNT (LSD 17)

Peoria, IL; Sept. 16-19, 2002
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USS CAVALIER (APA 37)

Las Vegas, NV; Sept. 19-Oct. 3, 2002
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USS CHARLES R. WARE (DD 865)

Athens, TN; June 7-9, 2002
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Upcoming Reunions

USS CHEMUNG (AO 30)

Overland Park, KS; Sept. 18-22, 2002
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USS CHICOT (AK 170)

Mobile, AL; July 2002
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USS CLEVELAND (LPD 7)

Colorado Springs, CO; Sept. 26-29, 2002
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USS CLINTON (APA 144)

Baltimore, MD; Sept.30-Oct. 3, 2002
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USS COLORADO (BB 45)

Charleston, SC; Sept. 25-Oct. 1, 2002
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USS CONCORD (CL 10)

Albuquerque, NM; Sept. 17-22, 2002
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USS CONWAY (DD/DDE 507)

Newburgh, NY; Sept. 25-28, 2002
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USS COURTNEY (DE 1021)

Charleston, SC; Sept.26-29, 2002
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USS COWELL (DD 547)

Las Vegas, NV; Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2002
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USS CROMWELL (DE 1014)

Charleston, SC; Sept.26-29, 2002
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USS CUMMINGS (DD 365)

Chicago, IL; July 3-7, 2002
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USS CURRITUCK (AV 7)

Colorado Springs, CO
Sept. 25-29, 2002
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USS CUSK (SS 348)

Deadwood, SD; Sept. 16-22, 2002
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USS CUTLASS (SS 478)

Norfolk, VA; May 13-17, 2002
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USS DASHIELL (DD 659)

Frankenmuth, MI; June 9-11, 2002
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Metamora, MI 48455
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USS DEALEY (DE 1006)

Charleston, SC; Sept. 26-29, 2002
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USS EDISON (DD 439)

Fall River, MA; Sept. 22-24, 2002
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USS ELDORADO (AGC 11)

St. Louis, MO; Sept. 18-20, 2002
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USS EMORY S. LAND (AS 39)

Virginia Beach, VA; Sept. 20-22, 2002
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Upcoming Reunions

USS ENGLISH (DD 696)

St. Louis, MO; Sept. 12-15, 2002
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USS ENOREE (AO/TAO 69)

Annapolis, MD; Sept. 2-6, 2002
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USS ENTERPRISE (CVA/CVN 65)

Pittsburgh, PA; Aug. 27-31, 2002
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USS ERNEST G. SMALL (DD/DDR 838)

San Francisco, CA; Sept. 26-29, 2002
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USS ESSEX (CV/CVA/ CVS 9/ LHD 2)

New Orleans, LA; Sept. 30-Oct. 6, 2002
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USS EVERETT F. LARSON (DD/DDR 380)

Asheville, NC; Sept. 30-Oct. 4, 2002
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USS FARGO (CL 106)

Newport, RI; Sept. 12-15, 2002
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USS FLETCHER (DD/DDE 445/DD 992)

San Antonio, TX; Sept. 25-29, 2002
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USS FLINT (CL 97)

Myrtle Beach, SC; Sept. 27-29, 2002
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USS FLOYD COUNTY (LST 762)

Mobile, AL; Sept. 19-21, 2002
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USS FLUSSER (DD 368)

Seattle, WA; Sept. 18-22, 2002
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USS FORREST ROYAL (DD 872)

Jacksonville, FL; June 27-30, 2002
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USS FORRESTAL (CVA/CV/AVT 59)

Phoenix, AZ; Sept. 24-29, 2002
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USS FOX (DLG/CG 33)

Seattle, WA; May 20-June 2, 2002
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USS FULTON (AS 11)

Sacramento, CA; Sept. 4-8, 2002
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USS GALVESTON (CLG 3)

Jacksonville, FL; Sept. 25-29, 2002
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USS GENERAL A. E. ANDERSON (AP/TAP 111)

St. Louis, MO; Sept. 12-15, 2002
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Upcoming Reunions

USS GOLDSBOROUGH (DDG 20)

Virginia Beach, VA; Sept. 8-13, 2002
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USS GRANT (SSBN 631)

New London, CT; Sept. 13-15, 2002
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USS GRAY (FF 1054)

Mobile, AL; July 18-21, 2002
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USS GREAT SITKIN (AE 17)

Omaha, NE; Sept. 5-8, 2002
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USS GREENLING (SSN614/SS 213)

Buffalo, NY; Aug. 28-31, 2002
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USS GUEST (DD 472)

Daytona Beach Shores, FL; Sept. 27-30, 2002
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USS HAMNER (DD 718)

Braintree, MA; Aug. 1-4, 2002
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USS HANSON (DD/DDR 832)

Branson, MO; Sept. 12-15, 2002
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USS HARRIS (APA 2)

San Diego, CA; Sept. 26-29, 2002
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USS HARTLEY (DE 1029)

Charleston, SC; Sept. 26-29, 2002
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USS HEALY (DD 672)

Rochester, NY; Sept. 12-15, 2002
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USS HELM (DD 388)

Atlantic City, NJ; Sept. 22-26, 2002
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USS HENLEY (DD 391)

Mansfield Center, CT; July 19-21, 2002
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USS HENLEY (DD 762)

Plattsburgh, NY; Sept. 12-14, 2002
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USS HIGBEE (DD/DDR 806)

Fairfield, NJ; Sept. 11-15, 2002
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USS HORACE A. BASS (APD 124)

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USS HUNTINGTON (CL 107)

Norfolk, VA; Sept. 19-22, 2002
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USS INDIANA (BB 58)

Chicago, IL; Sept. 19-23, 2002
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USS INGRAHAM (DD 444/694/FFG 61)

New Orleans, LA; May 15-18, 2002
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Upcoming Reunions

USS IOWA (BB 61)

San Francisco, CA; June 5-8, 2002
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Everett, WA; Sept. 5-8, 2002
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USS JAMES C. OWENS (DD 776)

Portland, OR; Sept. 25-28, 2002
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USS JOHN C. CALHOUS (SSBN 630)

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USS JOHN LAND (AP 167)

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USS JOHN S. MCCAIN (DL 3/DDG 36)

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USS JOSEPH K. TAUSSIG (DE 1030)

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USS JOSEPH STRAUSS (DDG 16)

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USS KANKAKEE (AO 39)

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USS KING (DLG 10/DDG 41)

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USS KISKA (AE 35)

Chicago, IL; July 11-14, 2002
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USS KLONDIKE (AD/AR 22) SUBGROU 1/SDIEGOGUR/PACRESFLT

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USS KULA GULF (CVE 108/AKV 8)

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USS LAMAR (APA 47)

St. Louis, MO; Sept. 12-15, 2002
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USS LaVALLETTE (DD 448)

Duluth, MN; Aug. 14-18, 2002
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USS LCS 92

Las Vegas, NV; June 23-26, 2002
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USS LEXINGTON (CV 2)

Decatur, IL; May 29- June 2, 2002
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USS LINDENWALD (LSD 6)

Nashville, TN; Sept. 26-29, 2002
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USS LLOYD THOMAS (DD/DDE 764)

Chicago, IL; Sept. 25-29, 2002
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USS L. MENDEL RIVERS (SSN 686)

Charleston, SC; May 9-12, 2002
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USS LOUISVILLE (CA 28)

Rapid City, SD; Sept. 17-21, 2002
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USS LOWRY (DD 770)

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USS LST 845

Branson, MO; Sept. 22-24, 2002
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USS LST 902

Branson, MO; May 18-22, 2002
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USS MACDONOUGH (DLG 8/DDG 39)

Cruise; May 5-9, 2002
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USS MACON (CA 132)

New Orleans, LA; May 23-26, 2002
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USS MADDUX (DD 731/622/168)

Savannah, GA; Aug. 22-26, 2002
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USS MALABAR (AF 37)

Smoketown, PA; June 7-9, 2002
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USS MARIANO G. VALLEJO (SSBN 658)

Charleston, SC; June 20-23, 2002
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USS MARS (AFS 1)

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USS MARYLAND (BB 46)

Metairie, LA; Sept. 25-29, 2002
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USS MASSACHUSETTS (BB 59)

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USS MILWAUKEE (AOR 2)

Cleveland, OH; July 5-6, 2002
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USS MISSISSIPPI (BB 41)

Gonzales, LA; June 10-16, 2002
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USS MITSCHER (DL 2)

Colorado Springs, CO; Sept. 26-29, 2002
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USS MOBILE (CL 63)

San Antonio, TX; Sept. 11-15, 2002
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USS MULLINNIX (DD 944)

Wilimington, NC; Apr. 25-28, 2002
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USS NASSAU (CVE 16)

St. Louis, MO; Sept. 18-21, 2002
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USS NELSON (DD 623)

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USS NEW JERSEY (BB 62)

Cherry Hill, NJ; Sept. 12-15, 2002
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Portland, ME; June 1-6, 2002
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USS NIMITZ (CVN 68)

Las Vegas, NV; July 7-11, 2002
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USS NITRO (AE 2/23)

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USS NORFOLK (DL 1)

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USS OKANOGAN (APA 220)

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USS ORISKANY (CV/CVA 34)

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USS OSTARA (AKA 33)

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USS PAWCATUCK (AO 108)

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USS PENNSYLVANIA (BB 38/SSBN 735)

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USS PERKINS (DD 26/377/DDR 877)

Irving, TX; Sept. 19-22, 2002
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USS PHILADELPHIA (SSN 690)

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USS POLLACK (SSN 603)

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USS PONCHATOULA (AO 148)

Las Vegas, NV; June 9-13, 2002
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USS PORTLAND (CA 33)

Colorado Springs, CO; Sept. 11-15, 2002
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USS PRESTON (DD 795)

Bloomington, MN; Sept. 12-15, 2002
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USS PRICHETT (DD 561)

Tuscola, IL; May 3-5, 2002
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USS PUGET SOUND (AD 38)

San Antonio, TX; Sept. 19-22, 2002
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USS PURDY (DD 734)

Norfolk, VA; May 2-5, 2002
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USS QUICK (DD 490/DMS 32)

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USS RANGER (CVA/CV 61)

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USS RANGER (CV 4)

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Tacoma, WA; Aug. 15-18, 2002
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USS RIGEL (AF 58/AR 11)

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USS ROBERT L. WILSON (DD/DDE 847)

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USS ROCK (SS 274/SSR 274/AGSS 274)

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USS RODMAN (DD 456/DMS 21)

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USS ROY O. HALE (DE/DER 336)

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USS RUPERTUS (DD 851)

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USS SABINE (AO 25)

Webster, TX; Sept. 9-12, 2002
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USS SAGINAW BAY (CVE 82/VC 78/88)

Arlington, VA; Sept. 20-24, 2002
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USS SALISBURY SOUND (AV 13)

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USS SAMPLE (DE/FF 1048)

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USS SAN JACINTO (CVL 30)

Jacksonville, FL; Sept 5-8, 2002
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USS SAN PABLO (AVP/AGS 30)

San Diego, CA; May 2-5, 2002
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USS SHEA (DM 30)

Colorado Springs, CO; Sept. 12-15, 2002
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USS SIBLEY (APA 206)

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USS SIERRA (AD 18)

Portsmouth, VA; Sept. 27-29, 2002
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USS SIMON LAKE (AS 33)

Portland, OR; Aug. 21-25, 2002
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USS SILESTEIN (DE 534)

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USS SPHINX (ARL 24)

Branson, MO; Sept. 9-12, 2002
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USS STERETT (DLG/CG 31)

Silverdale, WA; Aug. 15-17, 2003
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Duluth, MN; Sept. 16-22, 2002
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USS STURTEVANT (DE/DER 239)

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USS SUMMIT COUNTY (LST 1146)

Bellingham, WA; Aug. 11-14, 2002
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USS TEXAS (BB 35/CGN 39)

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USS TORTUGA (LSD 26/46)

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USS TURNER (DD/DDR 834)

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USS TUTUILA (ARG 4)

Bay City, MI; Sept. 12-14, 2002
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USS UTAH (BB 31/AG 16)

Laughlin, NV; May 14-17, 2002
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USS VANCE (DER/DE/WDE 387)

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USS VAN VOORHIS (DE 1028)

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USS WATTS (DD 567)

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USS WESTCHESTER COUNTY (LST 1167)

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USS WHETSTON (LSD 27)

Hampton, VA; Aug. 22-24, 2002
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Little Creek, VA; July 14-17, 2002
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Las Vegas, NV; May 5-9, 2002
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MCB 12

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NAVY CLASSIFIERS (PN 2612/2614/2618/9514)

Camp Verde, AZ; Sept. 19-22, 2002
Contact Jim Williams
2315 S. Sunset Drive
Camp Verde, AZ 86322-6812
(928) 567-6107

NAVY DIVERS/HARBOR CLEARANCE UNIT ONE

Las Vegas, NV; June 16-20, 2002
Contact David Peterson
1411 Shaw Drive
Huntingtown, MD 20639
(410) 257-2331
speterson@olg.com

NAVY RECRUIT GRADUATES OF CAMP ROBERT SMALLS/LAWRENCE/MOFFETT/GREAT LAKES

Rockford, IL; Aug. 22-24, 2002
Contact Tom Woodley
PO Box 1026
North Chicago, IL 60064-1026
(847) 249-5510

NAVY SALVAGE DIVERS

Newport, RI; Sept. 16-20, 2002
Contact Joe Tierno
36 Harvey Road
Middletown, RI 02842-5506
(401) 846-9614

NAVY MAIL SERVICE ASSOCIATION

Branson, MO; Sept. 10-15, 2002
Contact John or Beth Smerdon
(415) 333-6865

NEWPORT DEALEYS

**USS CROMWELL (DE 1014)/
DEALEY (DE 1006)/JOHN
WILLIS (DE 1027)
VAN VOORHIS (DE 1028)/
LESTER (DE 1022)/HARTLEY (DE
1029)**

**JOSEPH K. TAUSSIG (DE 1030)/
COURTNEY (DE 1021)/
HAMMERBERG (DE 1015)**
Charleston, SC; Sept. 26-29, 2002
Contact John Fry
1510 W. Nopal Avenue
Mesa, AZ 85202
(480) 839-3986
frycpa@primenet.com

OKLAHOMA CITY ASSOCIATION

Scottsdale, AZ; Sept. 24-28, 2002
Contact Frank Zaccaro
USS Oklahoma City Association
3824 Spring Valley Drive
New Port Richey, FL 34655-2915
(727) 372-9692
Fax (727) 841-7535
faz1005@aol.com

PATROL SQUADRON 28

Pensacola, FL; May 30- June 1, 2002
Contact Bob Self
8405 NE 140th Street
Bothell, WA 98011
(425) 820-7882
self.robert@verizon.net

PBR FORCES

St. Louis, MO; July 17-21, 2002
Contact Kerry Schaefer
732 American Inn Road
Villa Ridge, MO 63089-2214
(636) 451-5688
info@pbr-fva.org

PT BOATS

Salt Lake City, UT; Aug. 1-5, 2002
Contact PT Tenders, Boats, & Bases
P.O. Box 38070
Memphis, TN 38183-0070
(901) 755-8440
Fax (901) 751-0522
ptboats@pop.net
Or Duane Renville
P.O. Box 424
Walhalla, ND 58282
(701) 549-2691

RESERVE TRAINING CENTER STATIONKEEPERS AND RESERVIST

Port Arthur, TX; September 2002
Contact Joe Havens
43 Pleasant Valley West
Greenbrier, AR 72058
(501) 679-4980

SOUTH CHINA YANGTZE PATROL ASIATIC FLEET

Spokane, WA; June 5-8, 2002
Contact Denver Keplinger
79 Caesars Circle
Amherst, OH 44001-3507
(440) 985-2044
denverkep@aol.com

Upcoming Reunions

ULITHI ATOLL ASSOCIATION

Portland, OR; Aug. 7-11, 2002
Contact Cliff Collins
P.O. Box 208
Ephrata, WA 98823
(509) 754-4030

UNDERWATER SWIMMERS SCHOOL

Norfolk, VA; May 3-5, 2002
Contact Don Stone
1440 SW 5th Avenue
Boca Raton, FL 33432
(561) 391-6727
stonefish7@cs.com

USNR MIDSHIPMEN SCHOOL

New York, NY; Sept. 6-8, 2002
Contact Ken Boyd
2609 N. Shannon Avenue
Bethany, OK 73008
(405) 789-8852
ken@clickworld.net

VAW 12

N. Kingston, RI; Sept. 20, 2002
Contact Glen Aulenbach
70 Newtown Avenue
N. Kingstown, RI 02852
(401) 295-7498
auley@att.net
blusdup@att.net

VC 12/VAW 12

Newport, RI; Sept. 19-22, 2002
Contact Edward Seykowski
607 N. 70 E
Valparaiso, IN 46383
(219) 462-3636
edseykow@juno.com

VC 35

Albuquerque, NM; Sept. 18-21, 2002
Contact William Martin
19 Mallette Drive
Belen, NM 87002
(505) 864-7953
houdiniesc@aol.com

VP 2

Branson, MO; Sept. 12-16, 2002
Contact Elizabeth Chruma
1478 Via Codorniz
Saint Jose, CA 95128-4556
Telefax (408) 559-7055
ccc@cdcmail.com

VP 11

Burnswick, ME; Sept. 6-8, 2002
Contact E. M. Brittingham
45 Malvern Avenue
Apt. 1
Richmond, VA 23221
(804) 342-8070
captemb@erols.com

VP 16/VP 741

Jacksonville, FL; May 3-5, 2002
Contact John Dungan
6505 Simca Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32211
(904) 744-2648
johndungan3@aol.com

VP 24

Reno, NV; Sept. 12-15, 2002
Contact Alex Simon
P.O. Box 1119
Ocoee, FL 34761
(407) 297-3639
jpals@isp01.net

VP/VPB 74

Norfolk, VA; Sept. 12-15, 2002
Contact Leonard Edelstein
5676 Shinfield Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23464-6744
(757) 479-1448
len@pilot.infi.net

VPB 33

Kansas City, MO; Sept. 5-7, 2002
Contact Lewis Westcott
8121 Beverly Drive
Prairie Village, KS 66208-4816
(913) 642-4190
Fax (913) 648-4894

VR 22

Richmond, VA; Sept. 11-14, 2002
Contact Gene Shonkwiler
1133 Halcyon Court
Lakeland, FL 33801-2520
(863) 665-8463
gshonkwile@aol.com

VR 24

Cherry Hill, NJ; Sept. 26-29, 2002
Contact Pete Owen
21136 San Miguel
Mission Viejo, CA 92692
(949) 462-3693
provr24@cox.net

VR 52/62

Clinton, OH; July 26-28, 2002
Contact Bill Borrusch
8903 York Drive
Hudson, FL 3467
(727) 862-6343
adcsbill@juno.com

VRC 50

Norfolk, VA; Sept. 6-8, 2002
Contact Walt Milowic
717 Currituck Drive
Raleigh, NC 27609
(919) 510-4293
milowicw@raldioc.org

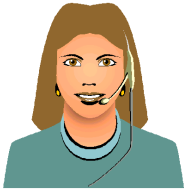
WAVES NATIONAL

Portland, OR; Aug. 27-31, 2002
Contact "Freddie McBride
13570 SW Electric Street
Beaverton, OR 97005-2431
(503) 644-2471
seagalfreddie@cs.com

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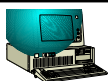
Biloxi, MS; Sept. 10-13, 2002
Contact Elton Ammons
5832 Kings Place
Jackson, MS 39211-3320
(601) 956-2578
papawandgrams@aol.com

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Ready Reference Phone Numbers

Air Force Retired Affairs	(800) 531-7502	Navy Lodge Reservation Service	(800) 628-9466
Arlington National Cemetery	(703) 695-3250 or (703) 695-3255	Navy Retired Activities Office	(800) 255-8950
Army Retired Affairs	(800) 336-4909	Navy Uniform Shop	(800) 368-4088
Awards Information (Washington, D.C.)	(202) 685-1770	Reserve Component SBP Section (Code 416)	(800) 535-2699
Coast Guard Retired Affairs	(800) 772-8724	Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI)	(800) 419-1473
DEERS Verification	(800) 538-9552	Shift Colors Magazine	(901) 874-3154
Defense Finance and Accounting Service Cleveland, Active Duty	(800) 346-3374	Social Security Administration (SSA)	(800) 772-1213
DFAS Cleveland, Retired Pay Customer Service	(800) 321-1080	Ships Historian (Washington, D.C.)	(202) 433-3643
DFAS Denver, Annuity Section	(800) 435-3396	TRICARE Headquarters	(303) 676-3526
Dept. of Justice Radiation Compensation Program	(800) 729-7327	TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program	(877) 363-6337
I.D. Cards, Benefits and Eligibility	(800) 443-9297 or (901) 874-3360	U.S. Naval Home	(800) 332-3527
Internal Revenue Service	(800) 829-1040	U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home	(800) 422-9988
Marine Corps Retired Affairs	(800) 336-4649	VA National Service Life Insurance (NSL)	(800) 669-8477
National Personnel Records Center	(314) 538-2050	VA Regional Office	(800) 827-1000
Naval Reserve Personnel Center (Records)	(800) 535-2699	VA Service Department Burial Benefits	(800) 697-6947
Navy Worldwide Locator	(901) 874-3388	Veteran's Group Life Insurance (VGLI)	(800) 419-1473



Helpful information and updates

ID Card Eligibility

For ID Card and DEERS information, contact the Navy Personnel Command Benefits Branch at **(901) 874-3362**, FAX **(901) 874-2766** or p312d3@bupers.navy.mil.

Has your spouse's ID card expired?

When was the last time you verified the expiration date on your spouse's military ID? To avoid the inconvenience of being refused admittance or service at the commissary or the exchange, verify the expiration date of your spouse's ID and renew it when required.

Retiree Insight

Do you have a retiree issue or concern? Your Retired Activities Office (RAO) can help. Remember, all military RAOs (Army, Air Force and USMC) are there to assist you.

Additionally, the Navy Retired Activities Branch (PERS-622) is available to assist with retiree issues.

Navy Retired Activities Branch (PERS-622)
5720 Integrity Drive
Millington, TN 38055-6220
(800) 255-8950
p622s@persnet.navy.mil

Is your DD-214 up-to-date?

We have received several calls from retirees who have noticed errors on their DD-214 (ex., incorrect date of birth, incorrect Social Security number or misspelled name). If your DD-214 is in error provide a copy of the DD-214 and a cover letter with verifying information to:

Department of Navy
Records Support Branch
PERS-312E
5720 Integrity Drive
Millington, TN 38055-3120

Address Changes with DFAS

Retirees can change their addresses with DFAS by phone, mail, fax, E-mail and the EMSS Web Site. In an E-mail request, your name, SSN, date of retirement and date of birth are required.

Phone: **(800) 321-1080**

Fax: **(800) 469-6559**

E-mail: **ccl-retired-pay@dfas.mil**

Web Site:

<http://emss.dfas.mil>

Next of Kin info

Retirees without spouses need to have certain information and documentation available to someone (next of kin or close associate) in order that he or she may be laid to rest with the dignity. Please consider providing documentation such as your DD214 (retirement orders), Last Will and Testament and other pertinent information to a next of kin or close associate.

Are you preparing to apply for Social Security?

If you're approaching your 62nd birthday, and preparing to apply for your Social Security benefits, you should know these facts:

- You may apply for benefits three months before your 62nd birthday.
- You should call the Social Security Administration Office for an appointment and a list of documents and information necessary for your application for benefits.
- Your application for benefits will not be processed without **all of your DD-214s** or verification of military service. If you don't have that info, you may request copies from:
National Personnel
Records Center
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
Attn:Navy Liaison

All requests must be written, dated and signed, and should include full name, rate/rank, Social Security Number, dates of service and date of birth. Visit **www.nara.gov/regional/mpr.html** prior to making a request.

Pearl Harbor RAO moves

The new address for the Retired Activities Office in Pearl Harbor is:

Family Service Center
Retired Activities Office
820 Willamette Street
Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-5108
(808) 473-4222 ext:231

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WW II RECRUITS

Rockford, IL; Aug. 22-25, 2002
Contact Thomas Woodley
3872 Devonshire Lane
Park City, IL 60085
(847) 249-5510
or Harold Cecil
2312 Hermon Avenue
Zion, IL 60099
(847) 746-3403

**Submitting reunion notices to
*Shift Colors***

For your notice to appear:	Send it to us by:
January - March	November 15
April - June	February 15
July - September	May 15
October - December	August 15

Mail all reunion notices to:
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
NAVY PERSONNEL COMMAND
SHIFT COLORS (PERS-05)
Attn: Reunion Notices

5720 INTEGRITY DRIVE
MILLINGTON, TN 38055-0500
E-mail all reunion notices to YN3(SW) L. Jones at:
p05s@persnet.navy.mil

*Reunions need to be typed and mailed to the above address or sent via e-mail in plain text format. To submit reunion notices please use the following format:

USS Ships Name (USS 123)

City, State; *Date
(date must be specific)
Contact: John Smith
Address: 8888 Dirt Road
Somewhere, ST 88888
Contact phone number:
(901) 555-1212
Johnsmith@shipreunion.com

**Note, reunion notices that do not have a specific date will not be published. We thank you for your cooperation while we make changes to better serve you.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
NAVY PERSONNEL COMMAND
SHIFT COLORS (PERS-05)
5720 INTEGRITY DRIVE
MILLINGTON, TN 38055-0500